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In re Application of: :  
Akiko HEMMI et al. : Group Art Unit: 1751  
Serial No.: 09/887,345 : Examiner: B. Mruk  
Filed: June 25, 2001 :  
For: LOW-MOLECULAR (METH)ACRYLIC :  
ACID (SALT)-BASED POLYMER AND ITS :  
PRODUCTION PROCESS AND USES :

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the November 17, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Declaration Under 1.132 in the above-identified application:

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>		<u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>	
			RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	15	- 20 = 0	x 9 = \$		x 18 = \$	
INDEP	3	- 3 = 0	x 43 = \$		x 86 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM			+ 145 = \$		+ 290 = \$	
If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2			TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

- Applicant(s) petition(s) for an extension of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) to respond and submits herewith the fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 18-2220 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- Any additional excess claim fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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